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1. Developments of the past two years have borne out the major estimates in NIE 32-56, including the growth of leftist and neutralist strength in Greece, the continuation of the Greek Government's basic pro-US and pro-Western orientation, and Greece's tendency, within the limits of its pro-West orientation, to take a more independent line in NATO and UN affairs. By and large, these trends still prevail.

2. NIE 32-56 did fail to foresee the decline of the center and the consequent trend toward political polarization. It also underestimated Karamanlis' ability to remain in power despite lack of progress on the Cyprus issue. It now appears over-optimistic in having estimated that there existed an even chance for agreement on the Cyprus issue during the ensuing two year period.

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